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In re Application of: Hauptmann et al. )  
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For: TNF Receptors, TNF Binding )  
Proteins and DNAs Coding For Them )

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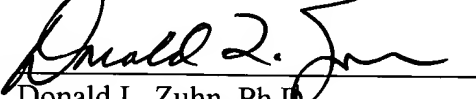
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application:  
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